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Indiana Acreage Summary

Indiana farmers planted 5.8 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2016, an increase of 150,000 from last year, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. Although spring planting had a slow start from excess rain, farmers had caught up to the five year average the end of May. Planted acreage was estimated as of June 1, 2016 and does not reflect the impacts from the dry spell that has occurred throughout the State. Corn acreage, as of June 1, expected to be harvested for grain was 5.61 million acres, above last year by 130,000.

Soybean acreage planted or to be planted for all purposes in Indiana is estimated at 5.7 million acres, nearly 3 percent above the 2015 planted acreage level. The planted acreage is tied with 2006 for the second highest planted total, just 100,000 acres short of the record high set in 2002. Soybean acreage for harvest is expected to total 5.68 million acres, also up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Winter wheat planted acres of 350,000 in Indiana are up 21 percent from the previous year. Area expected to be harvested for grain, at 320,000 acres, is up 23 percent from a year ago, on par with the May 1 forecast. Wheat yield and production will be updated in the July 12 Crop Report. Producers expect to harvest 570,000 acres of dry hay in 2016. Alfalfa hay acreage, at 210,000 acres, is down nearly 10 percent from last year, while all other dry hay acreage, at 360,000 acres, is up 9 percent from 2015.

Nationally, corn planted area for all purposes in 2016 is estimated at 94.1 million acres, up 7 percent from last year. This represents the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944. Area harvested for grain, at 86.6 million acres, is up 7 percent from last year and represents the third highest area harvested for grain since 1933.

U.S. Soybean planted area for 2016 is estimated at a record high 83.7 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 83.0 million acres, is also up 1 percent from 2015 and will be a record high if realized. Record high planted acreage is estimated in Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

All wheat planted area for 2016 is estimated at 50.8 million acres, down 7 percent from 2015. The 2016 winter wheat planted area, at 36.5 million acres, is down 7 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 26.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.58 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2016 is estimated at 12.1 million acres, down 8 percent from 2015. Of this total, about 11.4 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2016 is estimated at 2.15 million acres, up 11 percent from the previous year.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Corn, all						
Planted1,000 acres	5,900	5,650	5,800	90,597	87,999	94,148
Corn, grain						
Harvested1,000 acres	5,770	5,480	5,610	83,136	80,749	86,550
Hay, alfalfa						
Harvested1,000 acres	240	230	210	18,395	17,778	18,065
Hay, other						
Harvested1,000 acres	360	330	360	38,667	36,659	38,062
Soybeans						
Planted1,000 acres	5,450	5,550	5,700	83,276	82,650	83,688
Harvested1,000 acres	5,440	5,500	5,680	82,591	81,814	83,037
Winter Wheat						
Planted1,000 acres	390	290	350	42,409	39,461	36,538
Harvested1,000 acres	335	260	320	32,299	32,257	30,176

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